

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7047

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Paige Helton on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.3 million Tennessee volunteers give over 99 million hours of community service, contributing \$2.6 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Paige Helton of Crockett County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, the Teen Ambassador for GiAnna's Voice Foundation, an organization dedicated to teen suicide prevention, Ms. Helton has volunteered with the foundation for four years, visiting local youth groups to share her experience with a friend's suicide; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she is an Ambassador for Students Against Self Hatred (SASH), through which program she has regained her self-confidence after surviving a traumatic motorcycle accident when she was eight years old; and

WHEREAS, she also works at RIFA and volunteers with Pack the Bus every year, showing her broad range of service initiative and civic concern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Helton is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Paige Helton for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.